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1. SUMMARY: JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO BUDAPEST FEBRUARY 13-15. MANLEY WAS WARMLY RECEIVED BY ALL TOP HUNGARIAN LEADERS, INCLUDING FIRST SECRETARY JANOS KADAR, BUT THE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE RESULT OF THE VISIT APPEARS TO BE A CONTRACT FOR HUNGARIAN FIRMS TO DESIGN AN ALUMINA FACTORY WITH AN ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 540,000 TONS. A JAMAICAN INVITATION TO GYORGY LAZAR, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, TO RETURN THE VISIT WAS ACCEPTED. END SUMMARY.

2. MANLEY WAS HOSTED BY GYORGY LAZAR AND RECEIVED BY FIRST SECRETARY JANOS KADAR AND PRESIDENT PAL LOSONCZI. HE VISITED A FIRM PRODUCING ALUMINUM SHEET AND COIL AND AN AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVE. DURING THE VISIT, A CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION TREATY AND TRADE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED.

3. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE CHARACTERIZED TALKS AS TAKING PLACE IN "SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING." THE COMMUNIQUE TOUCHED ON DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT IN EUROPE, LIBERATION STRUGGLES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, CONFLICT IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, THE

MIDDLE EAST, AND THE NIEO. BOTH COUNTRIES "HIGHLY VALUE THE CUBAN PEOPLE'S FIGHT FOR PROGRESS AND CONDEMN THE ECONOMIC BLOCKADE AND TRADE DISCRIMINATION PUT UP AGAINST CUBA" AND "CONDEMNED THE TERROR OF THE CHILEAN FASCISTIC MILITARY REGIME AND THE PREVAILING TYRANNIC SYSTEMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA."

4. DURING THE VISIT, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUNGARIAN ALUMINUM INDUSTRY TRUST AND JAVAMEX (MAJORITY OWNERSHIP HELD BY JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT) SIGNED A CONTRACT CALLING FOR THE HUNGARIAN ALUMINUM INDUSTRY PLANNING AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE TO PREPARE BLUEPRINTS FOR AN ALUMINA FACTORY TO BE BUILT IN JAMAICA, BASED ON A FEASIBILITY STUDY PREPARED BY THE SAME FIRM IN 1976. MANLEY STRESSED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE NEW INTEGRATED FACTORY WILL BE BUILT WITHOUT ANY PARTICIPATION BY MULTINATIONAL FIRMS. COMMENT: THE CONTRACT WAS LIMITED TO PLANT DESIGN, BUT THE HUNGARIANS OBVIOUSLY HAVE HIGH HOPES OF PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN EVENTUAL CONSTRUCTION. WE HAVE SEEN NO INDICATION THAT THE HUNGARIANS ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING JAMICAN BAUXITE OR ALUMINUM PRODUCTS AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL; THEY WOULD SURELY PREFER TO BE PAID IN HARD CURRENCY FOR ANY WORK PERFORMED. END COMMENT.

5. MANLEY INVITED LAZAR FOR AN "OFFICIAL, FRIENDLY UNCLASSIFIED

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VISIT TO JAMAICA"; THE INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED BUT NO DATE WAS MENTIONED.
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